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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/930,041

Confirmation No. : 2218

Applicant : Scott E. Moore

Filed : August 14, 2001

Attorney Docket No. : 500199.04

Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Maurina T. Rachuba

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLANARIZING A MICROELECTRONIC  
SUBSTRATE WITH A TILTED PLANARIZING SURFACE

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Submission previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Submission enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- Postcard
- Check
- Fee Transmittal Sheet
- Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Date: 7/7/04

Respectfully submitted,

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